



**Alleluia! Christ is Risen!
He is risen indeed, Alleluia!**

The Great Fifty Days of Eastertide form a single festival period in which the tone of joy created at the Easter Vigil is sustained through the following seven weeks, and the Church celebrates the gloriously risen Christ:

*Triumphant in his glory now, his sceptre ruleth all,
earth, heaven and hell before him bow,
and at his footstool fall. (Fulbert of Chartres)*

Early Christians gave the name Pentecost to this whole fifty-day span of rejoicing, which one of the Church fathers, Tertullian calls 'this most joyful period' (laetissimum spatium). It is sometimes also called 'Great Sunday'. Having lit the Easter Candle today, the lit Candle stands prominently in church for all the Eastertide services.

Today, as we return to the use of The Alleluia, it will appear frequently in liturgical speech and song; and white or gold vestments and decorations in the Church emphasize the joy and brightness of the season.

On the fortieth day there has from the late fourth century been a particular celebration of Christ's ascension. He commissions his disciples to continue his work, he promises the gift of the Holy Spirit, and then he is no longer among them in the flesh. The Ascension is therefore closely connected with the theme of mission.

The arrival of the promised gift of the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost completes and crowns the Easter Festival.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

Tomorrow, 18th April, Easter Monday, from 12.30pm – we will be hosting **Easter Lunch at St Mark's** for those who live on their own. Please talk to Cicelyn or Jan if you're able to assist in any way.

1st May – St Mark's APCM: please continue to put together your reports for the year 2021.

5th June – Queen's Diamond Jubilee Street Party

3rd July – South Norwood Community Fair (SNCF) in the Recreation Park.

October – month long celebration of **St Mark's 170th anniversary of dedication.**

Restoring the Chalice – as promised, the Chalice was restored here in this Benefice at the Liturgy of Maundy Thursday with Foot Washing (last Thursday at 8pm). We will of course continue in that vein today.

Just so you know, there is no compulsion to receive in both kinds. Feel free to receive bread only, or both bread and wine. Please do not instinct, ie., dip your bread in the wine. The priest will do so for you, should you wish to receive in both kinds in that way. Thank you for your co-operation as we welcome the return of the chalice.

Welcome to the United Benefice of Holy Innocents & St. Mark, South Norwood

Sharing God's grace and love in our community



17th April 2022

Vicar: The Revd. Canon Roxanne Eversley
Asst. Priest: Mother Susan Wheeler-Kiley
Lay Reader: Mrs Cicelyn Hinds

EASTER DAY

8am and 10am Parish Mass

President, Mother Roxanne

*Isaiah 65.17-25 * Psalm 118 * Acts 10.34-43 * John 20.1-18*

Access online worship via

www.youtube.com/c/StMarksSouthNorwood

CHURCH NOTICES

Until further notice, both Parishes will continue to meet for worship here at Saint Mark at 8am and 10am on Sundays; and at Holy Innocents for the weekday Mass on Thursdays at 10am.

Pastoral Care: Mother Roxanne is available (except on Mondays) on Tel. 020 8916 1830 or 07723 038215 or mtrroxanne@gmail.com

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To hire the Church Halls, please call:

Jan on 020 8653 0447 for St Mark; and Annette on 020 8771 5779 for Holy Innocents.

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We pray: for Archbishops Justin and Stephen; **for the Bishops in this Diocese,** Christopher, Richard and Karowei **and for the appointment of the new Bishop of Croydon; for the bishops in our link Dioceses of Zimbabwe, their clergy and people.**

For Lambeth South Deanery Jonathan Croucher (AD); Kit Gunasekera (AsstAD); Winston Trotman (LC) **For St James, Clapham** Kit Gunasekera (PiC) (AsstAD); John Marshall (PTO); John Ohen (PTO); Lin Clarke (SPA)

For the Bishops, priests & people of the Church of Pakistan (United). **For the peace of Jerusalem**

For the sick – Claude & Richard, Helen, Jennifer & Reuben, Marie-Gabrielle, Rose, Caroline, Sigi, Anecka, Lynn, Ronald, Tommy, Ena, Adeline, Peggy, Rudolph, Stephanie, Pamela, Barry, Dennis, Linda, David, Oslene, Anthony, Adrian, Barbara, Jacqueline, Pauline, Anne, Mark and Karen.

The bereaved: the Kiley and Carbert families; Eileen, Dominic and the Tomes family.

The recently departed: Jean Kiley, Amanda Carbert, Alan Tomes. **Years Mind.**

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We have raised a total of £652.35 at our Easter Fair, last Sunday. Thank you all for your spending – your time, your energy, your money to achieve this. Every Blessing, Mtr Rx

COLLECT

Lord of all life and power,
who through the mighty resurrection of your
Son
overcame the old order of sin and death
to make all things new in him:
grant that we, being dead to sin
and alive to you in Jesus Christ,
may reign with him in glory;
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit
be praise and honour, glory and might,
now and in all eternity.

FIRST READING

The reading from Acts must be used as
either the first or the second reading.

Either **Acts 10:34-43**

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Peter began to speak to those assembled in
the house of Cornelius: "I truly understand
that God shows no partiality, but in every
nation anyone who fears him and does what
is right is acceptable to him. You know the
message he sent to the people of Israel,
preaching peace by Jesus Christ – he is Lord
of all. That message spread throughout
Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism
that John announced: how God anointed
Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and
with power; how he went about doing
good and healing all who were oppressed
by the devil, for God was with him. We are
witnesses to all that he did both in Judea
and in Jerusalem. They put him to death
by hanging him on a tree; but God raised
him on the third day and allowed him to
appear, not to all the people but to us who
were chosen by God as witnesses, and who
ate and drank with him after he rose from
the dead. He commanded us to preach to
the people and to testify that he is the one
ordained by God as judge of the living and
the dead. All the prophets testify about him
that everyone who believes in him receives
forgiveness of sins through his name."

Or **Isaiah 65:17-end**

A reading from the book of the prophet
Isaiah.

I am about to create new heavens and a
new earth; the former things shall not be
remembered or come to mind. But be glad
and rejoice for ever in what I am creating;
for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy,
and its people as a delight. I will rejoice in
Jerusalem, and delight in my people; no
more shall the sound of weeping be heard in
it, or the cry of distress. No more shall there
be in it an infant that lives but a few days,
or an old person who does not live out a
lifetime; for one who dies at a hundred years
will be considered a youth, and one who
falls short of a hundred will be considered
accused. They shall build houses and inhabit
them; they shall plant vineyards and eat
their fruit. They shall not build and another
inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat;
for like the days of a tree shall the days of my
people be, and my chosen shall long enjoy
the work of their hands. They shall not labour

in vain, or bear children for calamity; for they
shall be offspring blessed by the LORD – and
their descendants as well. Before they call
I will answer, while they are yet speaking I
will hear. The wolf and the lamb shall feed
together, the lion shall eat straw like the
ox; but the serpent – its food shall be dust!
They shall not hurt or destroy on all my holy
mountain, says the LORD.

PSALM Psalm 118:1-2. 14-24

R This is the day that the Lord has made;
we will rejoice and be glad in it.

Or

R Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his mercy endures for ever.

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his mercy endures for ever.

Let Israel now proclaim,
"His mercy endures for ever." **R**

The Lord is my strength and my song,
and he has become my salvation.
There is a sound of exultation and victory
in the tents of the righteous:
"The right hand of the Lord has triumphed!
the right hand of the Lord is exalted!
the right hand of the Lord has triumphed!" **R**

I shall not die, but live,
and declare the works of the Lord.
The Lord has punished me sorely,
but he did not hand me over to death.
Open for me the gates of righteousness;
I will enter them; I will offer thanks to the
Lord. **R**
"This is the gate of the Lord;
whoever is righteous may enter."
I will give thanks to you, for you answered
me
and have become my salvation.
The same stone which the builders rejected
has become the chief corner-stone. **R**

This is the Lord's doing,
and it is marvellous in our eyes.
On this day the Lord has acted;
we will rejoice and be glad in it. **R**

SECOND READING

Either **1 Corinthians 15:19-26**

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the
Corinthians.

If for this life only we have hoped in Christ,
we are of all people most to be pitied. But
in fact Christ has been raised from the dead,
the first fruits of those who have died. For
since death came through a human being,
the resurrection of the dead has also come
through a human being; for as all die in
Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ.
But each in his own order: Christ the first
fruits, then at his coming those who belong
to Christ. Then comes the end, when he
hands over the kingdom to God the Father,
after he has destroyed every ruler and every
authority and power. For he must reign until
he has put all his enemies under his feet. The
last enemy to be destroyed is death.

Or **Acts 10:34-43**

GOSPEL

Either **John 20:1-18**

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to John.

Early on the first day of the week, while it was
still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb
and saw that the stone had been removed
from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon
Peter and the other disciple, the one whom
Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have
taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do
not know where they have laid him." Then
Peter and the other disciple set out and went
towards the tomb. The two were running
together, but the other disciple outran Peter
and reached the tomb first. He bent down
to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying
there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter
came, following him, and went into the tomb.
He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and
the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not
lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up
in a place by itself. Then the other disciple,
who reached the tomb first, also went in, and
he saw and believed; for as yet they did not
understand the scripture, that he must rise
from the dead. Then the disciples returned
outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent
over to look into the tomb; and she saw
two angels in white, sitting where the body
of Jesus had been lying, one at the head
and the other at the feet. They said to her,
"Woman, why are you weeping?" She said
to them, "They have taken away my Lord,
and I do not know where they have laid him."
When she had said this, she turned around
and saw Jesus standing there, but she did
not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her,
"Woman, why are you weeping? For whom
are you looking?" Supposing him to be the
gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have
carried him away, tell me where you have
laid him, and I will take him away." Jesus
said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to
him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means
Teacher). Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on
to me, because I have not yet ascended to
the Father. But go to my brothers and say
to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and
your Father, to my God and your God.'"
Mary Magdalene went and announced to the
disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told
them that he had said these things to her.

Or **Luke 24:1-12**

POST COMMUNION

God of Life,
who for our redemption gave your
only-begotten Son
to the death of the cross,
and by his glorious resurrection
have delivered us from the power of our
enemy:
grant us so to die daily to sin,
that we may evermore live with him
in the joy of his risen life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.